

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Gramham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell 1331 Connecticut Ave., Washington,D. C. March 13,1896. My darling Alec:

I was so glad to get a letter from you at last, Mr. McCurdy has been very good in writing me and it has alone been almost worth his expenses travelling with you to hear from him of you. I am so sorry about your cold but I hope it is really better now. I don't think you are as careless in that way as you used to be. You will certainly need to husband your strength and not sit up nights if you are to carry out that fearful program. The one good thing is that it will not last so very long.

I am busy with my dinner party this evening. It has stretched itself out into the largest I have ever given. If Mr. and Mrs. Kennan come we will be twenty-two. I started out to have twelve, but with such short notice of course I asked more than I wanted and to my horror they all accepted and moreover Mr. White came in again at the last moment again his wife backed out.

My dinner party composes Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hegner, Archibald Hopkins, Winlock, Charles Bell, Mr. White, Mr. Ballachey, Misses, Symunds, Bell and Riddle; Messrs Mauro, Ballet, Phillips and Harry Hubbard. That makes or should make 20 Mr. and Mrs. Kennan are due at Mrs. Dale's today but even she doesn't knew what time and meantime my table hangs fire and if I were Charles I wouldn't be in the best of humors.

My lunch party has been the greatest bother, everybody has declined to the second and third batch but Mrs White says she will come and that ought to satisfy me! Harry says he doesn't think there is any such person.

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Elsie writes me to provide her with Colonial gowns and half a dozen gentleman's minuet dresses, or something of the kind, all to be done before Saturday. The night of that young lady's calm confidence in my power to conjure costumes from Baddeck or from nothing on the shortest notice is something overwhelming. She writes that she sent pink roses tied with pink satin ribbon to Mr Dudley's funeral!!!!

Good bye I love you and think of you this good day, for me,

Lovingly, Mabel.